

REMARKS

Claims 6-13 are pending and under consideration in the current application. Claims 1-5 and 14-20 were previously withdrawn as being drawn to the non-elected invention.

Status of Application

Applicants thank the Examiner for the notice of allowability of claims 7, 8 and 11-13, and for the withdrawal of the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) and 103(a).

Specification

The Examiner has objected to the use of the trademarked name "SPRAGUE-DAWLEY" without proper capitalization and generic reference in the specification. Applicants have amended the specification to ensure that "SPRAGUE-DAWLEY" is properly capitalized and referenced in the specification, and therefore, submit that the Examiner's objection has been overcome.

Regarding the Examiner's objection to the spelling of the term "tetrathiomolybdate" on page 5 of the specification, Applicants respectfully note that the previously-submitted Response and Amendment corrected the spelling of the term "tetrathiomolybdate," by way of an amendment to the specification. The previously-corrected term is properly included in the substitute specification submitted herewith.

Finally, Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification to correct the inadvertent omission of the Greek letter " α " from the recitation of the term IL-1 α in various instances throughout the specification. Applicants note that the Examiner has correctly identified this clerical error, which resulted from computer software issues while printing the as-filed specification.

Applicants hereby submit a substitute specification to correct all of the above-identified objections. No new matter has been added by way of the submission of the substitute specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's objections have been overcome.

Objection to Claim 6

The Examiner objected to claim 6 for reciting "IL- α " instead of "IL-1 α ." Applicants have amended claim 6 herein to consistently recite "IL-1 α " and accordingly, respectfully submit that the Examiner's objection has been overcome.

Rejection of claim 9 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

In the Examiner's view, the term "said mammal" in claim 9 does not have sufficient antecedent basis. Applicants have amended claim 9 to recite "a mammal." Accordingly, Applicants submit that the Examiner's rejection of claim 9 for indefiniteness has been overcome, and request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Summary

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims, including the amended claims, are fully supported in the specification as filed, and that no new matter has been added by way of the present Amendment and Response.

Favorable examination and allowance of the claims is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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